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## THIS COUNTY HAS LARGEST OIL WELL IN EASTERN KY.

### The Union Company Brings in Well Making Nearly 200 Barrels.

The Union Gas & Oil Company has drilled in the best oil well yet found in this part of Kentucky. On the third day it made about 200 barrels. In 48 hours the production was 351 barrels. It is well No. 8 on the farm of Sanford Lyons, on the Keaton fork of Big Blaine creek.

Of the 122 producing wells belonging to the Union this is the largest, and it adds very materially to the great value of this company's holdings. Its area is 19,500 acres. Only two unprofitable wells have yet been drilled by this company, which breaks all records by any one company that has put down this number of wells over a like area.

The Union is keeping as many strings of tools running as possible.

### \$300,000 Hotel For Frankfort Assured

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—The new Capital Hotel in Frankfort, to be built on the site of the structure burned in 1917, is assured and the contract was closed today.

Subscriptions this afternoon totaled \$301,000, sufficient to insure construction. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Committee in charge of the stock campaign today, it was announced that Judge Robert W. Bingham and James B. Brown of Louisville would subscribe \$25,000 if local subscriptions were brought up to \$275,000. About \$18,000 of this amount was lacking and stockholders increased their subscriptions that amount.

The building will be colonial in design, facing Main street on the old site. Wings at either side and 200 feet rear will permit of additions. The lobby will be larger than the famous lobby of the old hotel with a mezzanine and the top floor will contain the ballroom and roof garden.

Committee rooms for legislators will be a feature.

### BOAT ON BIG SANDY.

Capt. J. F. Davis has gone to Big Sandy river where he has entered the steamer J. P. Davis in the local trade from Catlettsburg to Pikeville. He is assisted by his son, Paul Davis, as chief clerk, Jess Craft and Morris Bennett as deck men, Ambrose Dillow general utility, and Sam Cooper, pilot. The captain thinks he will eventually open up a good trade up the Big Sandy. If close application to business and courteous treatment mean anything, Capt. John will come out of his new venture right side up with care.—Russell Times.

## PAINTSVILLE

### Evangelistic Services.

The evangelistic party of Rev. O. H. Callis, of Kentucky, consisting of Rev. Callis, the evangelist, Prof. Grenfell, song leader, and Mrs. Callis, violinist, will be in our town for a special evangelistic meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church March 8 to 26.

All the party are Kentuckians. Rev. Callis being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and one of the Conference Evangelists of the Kentucky Conference of the M. E. Church while Mrs. Callis and Prof. Grenfell are members of the M. E. Church South. So they will feel quite at home with us as fellow Methodists and fellow Kentuckians.

### Local and Personal.

Mrs. Lucy Lockwood and Miss Reenie Bryant of Lockwood, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wheeler this week.

Miss Stella Ward left Monday for Richmond where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie J. Boggs are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas. They are moving to Pikeville where they will make their future home.

Misses Elva Perry and Hazel Wheeler left Monday for Richmond where they will attend school. They were joined by Miss Boss Spradlin of Van Lear, who will attend school also.—Paintsville Herald.

## CATLETTSBURG

### Moves to Ashland.

Ed. VanHoose of the VanHoose-Adams company, has bought residence property on Carter avenue in Ashland and will move there soon from Paintsville.

### The Sick.

Miss Alva Music of West Van Lear is a patient at the Ashland hospital. Mrs. B. E. Lemaster of Paintsville is a patient at the Ashland hospital. Judge Casebolt of Keyser is recovering nicely from an operation.

### RELEASED UNDER BOND.

James R. Gillett, deputy sheriff of Wayne co., and formerly U. S. prohibition agent, indicted for the killing of Alonzo Atwell, negro boy, during a whiskey raid, Monday afternoon, was admitted to \$5,000 bond pending his trial in common pleas court, which was set for March 20.

## DR. BLAIR JOINS STAFF OF ASHLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Frederick K. Blair, specialist in the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat, has joined the staff of the Stephenson Clinic, operated in conjunction with the Ashland General Hospital, and has moved his office to that institution.

Doctor Blair has been practicing his profession in Ashland for the past year.

"We have felt that clinic would be greatly helped by the addition of a specialist, such as Doctor Blair," said Mr. Rogers, president of the hospital board, "and I am sure his coming to the clinic will at once add to our efficiency and broaden the scope of our work."—Ashland Independent.

Dr. Blair recently married Miss Rebecca Garred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garred.

## CIRCUIT CLERK POST IS GIVEN TO WIDOW

Welch, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Jennie B. Payne, widow of the former clerk of McDowell county circuit court was appointed in his place today by Judge J. C. Herndon. Her husband had been clerk of the court for thirty years having been first elected in 1892, and not having suffered defeat since that time. His last election was in 1920 and three years of his term remained at the time of his death.

## CAPT. DAVIS SERIOUSLY ILL.

The condition of Capt. G. W. Davis, veteran retired riverman and widely known Fullerton man who has been quite ill at his home in that village for several days with a severe attack of grippe, showed little or no improvement Saturday, when it was stated that his condition although regarded as serious was not critical. The captain, who is past 70 years of age, is also suffering from jaundice.—Russell Times.

## ROAD BOND VOTE FAVORED IN HOUSE

The House of Representatives of the Kentucky Legislature voted favorably Wednesday on the proposition to submit to a vote of the people the question of a bond issue of fifty million dollars to complete the primary system of roads in Kentucky.

If the Senate concur in this vote will be taken next November, but bonds would not be available until 1924.

A commission of business men is named in the bill to direct the expenditure, one from each Congressional district and one from the State at large. Robt. W. Bingham is named for the latter place. T. A. Field, of Ashland, is the Ninth district man.

## Mrs. Mont Holt Dies of Pneumonia

Mrs. Mont Holt died on last Friday morning at the home of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Robinson in Paintsville. She had been ill about two weeks with pneumonia and was thought to be on the road to recovery, but her heart could not withstand the attack and her death came unexpectedly. She is survived by her husband and three small children, two boys and one girl, aged eight, six and three years.

Mrs. Holt was the daughter of the late M. L. Robinson of Paintsville. She lived in Louisville for some time after her marriage and made many friends while there. She was a devoted wife and mother, a consistent Christian and a woman of high ideals. Much sympathy is expressed for the family in their bereavement.

Relatives of Mr. Holt, who went from here to attend the funeral which was held on Sunday were Miss Pearl Holt and Mr. G. B. Carter.

## THE FLOYDS COMPANY HERE NEXT MONDAY

The last number of the lyceum course will appear at the Garden theater in Louisa next Monday night. These three people are very fine entertainers. Magic, telepathy, music, have prominent place in the evening's program. The Floyds are known all over the country for their artistic work. There is variety enough for people of all tastes. Nobody should miss it.

## WEEK END PARTY.

The following guests attended a week-end party given by Nell B. Conley and Miss Elizabeth Conley at their home in Louisa: Mr. and Mrs. D. Irvin Hager, of Williamson, W. Va.; Misses Mary Hagen and Thelma Carter of Huntington, W. Va.; Mr. Thad Williams, Mr. Guy W. Randolph, Mr. Ralph Maynard, Mr. L. A. Sampselle, Mr. Jack Gilbert and Mr. Hassel Hicks of Williamson, W. Va., and Mr. David Matson, of Roanoke, Va.

## REV. BUD SMITH DEAD.

This well known preacher in the M. E. Church South died at Montgomery, W. Va., Monday, age about 70. The burial took place at Fairmont. He lived at Louisa when he changed his life 22 years ago from that of a reckless traveling salesman to that of preacher. He was a unique character.

## WAYNE COUNTY DATE FOR COUNTY SEAT VOTE

The Wayne county vote on removal of the county seat will not be taken on April 4, as ordered. A ruling of the Supreme Court will require a date between April 16 and June 16.

## CONTEST CASES IN CIRCUIT COURT

The election contest case of H. B. Hewlett against W. S. Boggs, involving the office of Circuit Clerk of Lawrence county, was decided by Judge Wood in favor of Boggs. The case is being appealed.

The contest of David Sammons against Robt. W. Vinson for Justice of the Peace was dismissed yesterday at the request of the plaintiff.

No other cases of importance have been tried since our last issue. Three felony cases, for grand larceny and obtaining money by false pretenses, are set for next Monday.

On Tuesday Sheriff J. W. Young took the four men convicted last week to the penitentiary at Frankfort.

The grand jury probably will adjourn Friday of this week. 463 indictments have been returned up to this time and there are more to follow.

## Prohibition Officer Killed at Dunlow

Dunlow, W. Va., Feb. 12.—While waiting at the Norfolk & Western station at Wells Branch two miles above here, with three stills which he had captured in raids earlier in the day, William Mead, 45, a state prohibition officer, was shot and killed by an ambushed gunman at six o'clock tonight. Mead was on his way to Wayne to deliver the stills at headquarters. He was shot without warning, the bullet entering his back and causing instant death, according to word received here.

Authorities in Huntington were requested to rush bloodhounds to the scene. Arrangements to bring the dogs here on a Norfolk & Western train were made with the railroad officials.

In recent weeks Mead, with other prohibition enforcement agents, have been active in unlow and environs. Several arrests have been made and a number of stills and a quantity of moonshine liquor seized. The zeal of the agent in tracing manufacturers of illicit liquor has frequently been commented upon and, according to reports here, threats against him have been heard. The ambush tonight, however, was the first resistance offered, despite the violence said to have been threatened.

Mead's work here was in connection with the state staff of dry agents directed by M. E. Ketchum. He owned considerable land in Wayne county, it is stated, and was widely known. He was fired on shortly after 4:30 o'clock, it was reported here.

Officer Mead was married and had a family of seven children. He also leaves three brothers, John Mead of Williamson, Wayne Mead of Dunlow and Sam Mead of Bowen, and two sisters, Mrs. Church of Huntington and Mrs. Polly Huffman of Portsmouth.

## F. M. FULKERSON DIES AT AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ky., Feb. 11.—F. M. Fulkerson, 57 years old, died at his home here last night after an illness of five years. He was a native of Catlettsburg, but had been a resident of this city for thirty years. For a quarter of a century he was cashier of the Augusta Liberty Bank, resigning when attacked with his fatal illness. His widow, formerly Miss Bettie Allen of this city, survives him.

Mr. Fulkerson was a son of Martin Fulkerson. His mother was a sister of A. Mimmis, of Catlettsburg. His brother, A. C. Fulkerson, married Nannie Smith, daughter of Edmund M. Smith of mouth of Blaine. He was a cousin of Wm. M. Fulkerson of Louisa.

## WATTS SUCCEEDS POSEY ON ROADS

R. R. Watts of Ashland, who for the past five weeks has been assistant to M. E. S. Posey here, has been appointed to fill the vacancy as division engineer of the State Highway Department made by the resignation of Mr. Posey last week. Mr. Watts will assume the office February 15. His assistant is Mr. Cook, who will arrive here on February 15.

The letter telling of Mr. Watts' appointment was received last yesterday by Mr. Posey. The latter is highly pleased with the selection made by Joe S. Boggs, state highway engineer, and declares that Mr. Watts will be able to do a great deal of good work for good roads in Boyd county and Eastern Kentucky.

Mr. Posey is loud in his praises of Mr. Watts as an expert engineer who has specialized for several years in road work.—Ashland Independent.

## SHOWER FOR BRIDE.

Mrs. J. R. Kennedy of Wayland gave a miscellaneous shower on Monday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Land, for the bride-elect, Miss Carrie Baeffeld.

Quite a number of their friends attended and enjoyed the delightful affair. The bride received many beautiful gifts. A delicious refreshment course was served by the hostess and her sister, Miss Nancy Land.

## J. H. HOLBROOK OUT.

We are glad to see Bro. J. H. Holbrook of Fort Gay, W. Va., out after an illness of several weeks. He hopes to be able to fill his appointment at Smoky Valley February 18 and 19.

## YOUTH, CHARGED WITH MURDER, ARRESTED

Wayne county authorities Monday afternoon in a little log cabin high on a hill at Wells Branch, overlooking the little depot where William Mead, prohibition officer, was shot from ambush and instantly killed Sunday night, arrested a youth who gave his name as Charles Ferguson, 19, and lodged him in the Wayne jail, charged with the murder.

Young Ferguson is the son of Carl Ferguson, well known Wayne county resident. Relatives of the murdered officer last night stated that there had been trouble between the accused man and the dead officer.

The arrest was made when bloodhounds led the officers from the scene of the shooting to the cabin on the hill, the officers saying that the dogs went directly to the boy arrested.

Mr. Mead was standing on the station platform, waiting for a train to take two captured stills to Wayne court house when a shot suddenly sounded from the near hillside and the officer fell dead, shot through the back. Bloodhounds were taken from Huntington to the scene of the shooting as quickly as possible.

## AVALANCHE OF COAL BURIES MINE BOSS

Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 12.—An avalanche of coal, released when the gate of a tipple chute broke, buried and fatally injured J. D. Ballew, 30 years old, manager of the Cowan Creek Coal Company's mine at Ice near here, yesterday.

Ballew was superintending the "dumping" of coal from the tipple. He was crushed beneath several tons of coal.

He died at a Cincinnati hospital where he was taken immediately after the accident.

## NEW GAS RATE EFFECTIVE FEB. 1

The United Fuel Gas Company has issued an order to reduce the gas rate in Louisa, Catlettsburg and Ashland to 32 cents, with a discount of one cent per thousand cubic feet if paid by the 10th of the month. This rate is made effective from February 1.

The reduction is in compliance with the order of the Kentucky Railroad Commission, but is figured one cent higher, net, than was first given out.

The saving to Louisa people amounts to about \$500 per month.

## Paintsville Men Rescued from Gulf of Mexico

St. Petersburg, Fla., February 6.—Stranded in a small open boat on a bar at the approach of Tampa Bay for a day and a night, a party of five winter visitors here from Paintsville, Ky., were rescued late to-day by Geo. Roberts, of Pass-a-Grille, a tarpon guide, and returned here tonight none the worse for their adventure. They were Henry M. Stafford, John F. Stafford, Robert Stafford, George B. Rice and Major William Rice.

More than 25 craft combed the bay and the gulf to-day in search for the men, while John Green, aviator, sought them more than two hours.

The party left early Sunday and, being unfamiliar with the waters, went aground off Egmont Pass a few hours later. Efforts to release their boat failed and they were obliged to pass Sunday and Sunday night in the craft.

## Burial of Mrs. Sparks Near Old Home

The body of Mrs. James B. Sparks, who died at Akron, Ohio, arrived in Louisa last Friday afternoon and was taken to the home of relatives near Yatesville where on Saturday at one o'clock funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Hewlett of this place.

Mrs. Sparks had been ill only a few days. Double pneumonia caused her death.

She was in her 35th year, having been born March 17, 1887. She was converted eleven years ago and united with the Protestant Methodist church and lived a consecrated Christian life until the end.

Her husband and six children survive, the oldest being only sixteen years of age.

The body was accompanied from Akron by the husband, her father, Mr. Conley, and a sister.

## P. M. EXAMINATION ORDERED FOR LOUISA, ETC.

Open competitive examinations are to be held March 11, 1922, to fill the position of postmaster at each of the following places in Kentucky: Hindman, Louisa and West Liberty.

## Oil Refinery At Catlettsburg.

Dalton & Kelley of Huntington, owners of the W. Va. Oil, Gas & Development property at Potter, this county, have organized a refining company and are putting in a plant at Catlettsburg. They expect to be ready for business in about 60 days. They will buy oil from the Big Sandy field.

## MOVING TO HUNTINGTON.

Mrs. J. L. Richmond returned from Huntington where she had been several days with Mr. Richmond, who is locating there. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond will move soon to a residence in the south side. Mr. and Mrs. Welch will occupy the house on Lady Washington street vacated by them.

## NEW POPE



Cardinal Achille Ratti, Archbishop of Milan, has been proclaimed Pope, taking the name of Pius XI. His Holiness was born in Italy, Oct. 12, 1858. He received the Red Hat as Cardinal last year. Previous he was Papal Nuncio in Poland.

## HUGE COAL DEAL IS CONSUMMATED

Approximately 39,000 Acres of Coal Land and \$18,000,000 Involved in Deal.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Consummation of one of the largest coal land deals ever made in the Middle West was revealed today when the offices of the Carter Coal Company, this city, were taken over by E. M. Mancourt, vice-president of the Consolidation Coal Company of New York, and Thos. H. Richardson, Cincinnati manager of the company.

The Carter company, which passes under the ownership of the Consolidation by the deal in question, owns and operates mines in three states. By the deal title passes to ten operating mines, two in Virginia, four in West Virginia and four in Kentucky. With the mines go 17,000 acres of first-class coal lands in West Virginia, 15,000 in Virginia and 12,000 in Kentucky.

No figures have been given by the interested parties, but they are believed to stand somewhere between \$16,000,000 and \$18,000,000 as the amount involved in the transaction, of which probably from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 will pass in cash or stock in the big company. Payment was made from the proceeds of a \$10,000,000 gold bond issue, announcement of which was made recently.

The production of the Consolidation company is about 15,000,000 tons of coal annually. The production will be greatly increased as a result of the present deal. It will probably make the Consolidation the greatest coal company in the country, handling smokeless, bituminous and anthracite coal.

## Pretty Home Wedding Solemnized at Louisa

The wedding of Miss Carrie Bannfield and Mr. Lewis H. Pigg took place at the home of the bride's mother in Louisa Wednesday morning of this week at half after nine o'clock. The ceremony was witnessed by the family and a few of the friends of the bride. Rev. J. D. Bell officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony.

For the wedding the bride was attired in a handsome traveling suit of navy blue with hat to match. Her bouquet was bride's roses showered with sweet peas. The attendants were Miss Helen Vinson and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy of Wayland.

The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Mallissa Bannfield. She has been away from Louisa a few years, holding a position as stenographer for a coal company at Heller. It was there the romance began which culminated in the happy event of Wednesday.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a visit to Mr. Pigg's home at Richmond, Ky., and will spend a few days in Cincinnati. Later they will be at home at Freeburn, Ky., where Mr. Pigg holds a responsible position.

Best wishes for their future happiness are extended.

## THE HARBIN MEETING.

Rev. Walter Harbin has closed a very successful revival in the church at Elizabeth, W. Va., of which Rev. J. B. Horton of this place is pastor. The attendance was so large it was necessary to move into the court house soon after the meeting began. There were more than one hundred conversions and many additions to all the churches of the town.

## VISITED COAL FIELDS.

Mr. A. B. Ayres and his friend Harry Jennings of Indiana, made a trip through the Big Sandy coal fields this week, accompanied by Judge Billie Riffe, of Louisa, Mr. Neekamp of Ashland and a representative of the C. & O. railroad. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Ayres were enthusiastic about what they saw and Mr. Jennings expects to return and make further investigation when the weather becomes more favorable. He is a prominent and wealthy business man.

## MILLION DOLLARS PROPERTY RAISE

The State Tax Commission has raised Lawrence county's valuation outrageously. Farm lands are raised \$750,000, town property \$150,000 and personal and intangible property \$100,000. This is the amounts forced above the values given in by the people and reported by the county tax commissioner.

If there ever was a time when increases in valuations were not justified here it is now. All values have slumped heavily and are yet going down. The added burden of heavier tax values will arouse much indignation.

County Judge Sparks probably will send representatives to Frankfort to protest. March 2 is the date for the hearing.

## RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.

On Wednesday of last week L. T. McClure and M. S. Burns had a fight in the latter's office and both were more or less injured. No one else was present when the trouble started. Mr. McClure was struck on the head with a paper weight and a brick, it is said, and received slight cuts on his arms. His physician reports that he is making satisfactory progress toward recovery. Mr. Burns received painful injuries of both hands caused by catching a chair that was descending upon him. Judge G. W. Hale appeared upon the scene just in time to stop with his jaw a flying paper weight, but he stuck to the job until the combatants were separated.

## INEZ ITEMS

The revival meeting which has been going on for some time in the Baptist church closed Sunday night. Rev. Biernes gave a very interesting lecture on his work in the West Indies Sunday afternoon. The attendance has been large and much interest manifested.

Deputy Sheriff, Al Maynard, with a posse made a raid in the upper Wolf section of the county the latter part of the week and captured another large moonshine still. It is reported that they found a number of barrels of mash just ready for making which was destroyed. Tobe McCoy and B. DeLong were arrested and brought to jail. They had erected a building which they had furnished and kept sufficiently heated to sour the mash and make at any time, notwithstanding the cool weather. DeLong received a slight gun shot wound in the arm at the time the arrest was made. It looks as if sheriff Fletcher and his deputies are determined to drive out those who are engaged in the moonshine business.

J. H. Murphy, Enforcement Officer, was here a few days last week, and it is reported that he had process for a number of parties charged with violating the Volstead act. Mr. Murphy is making a splendid record and is to be commended for his work.

Deputy Sheriff, Jno. Hall and a state police of Williamson, W. Va., were here Monday and took Marvin Endicott to Williamson as a witness for the State in the case of the State against Jas. Stepp, charged with shooting into the Kermit State Bank, of Kermit, W. Va., some months ago.

The Fiscal Court is having the court room, together with all the offices, painted. This is the first time it has been painted for a number of years and it certainly adds to its appearance.

W. B. Richmond is spending a few days in Kermit this week.

Mrs. H. G. Newberry returned Monday from a visit to Omar, Huntington and Ashland.

J. C. Brown, our efficient postmaster has been confined to his home for the past few days with a severe cold.

Miss Daisy McCoy is very ill at this writing.

Miss Irene Speer, who has been ill for the past few days, is able to be out again.

## PRESTONSBURG

### Circuit Court In Session.

Circuit court opened here Monday with an unusually large crowd in attendance. Many expressed a personal interest in charge of our new Circuit Judge W. W. Williams to the grand jury. All seemed to think he measured up to their expectations in his charge regarding bootleggers and makers of moonshine. The activities of our good officers in this line are already bearing fruit.

### May Build Road Soon.

Judge Ed Hill, Geo. P. Archer and M. D. Powers were in Frankfort this week in the interest of the road bond issue and the Mays T. C. project. They report the prospect bright for the building of the great highway in the near future.

### Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Van Botten, Saturday, February 4, a fine son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Price Huff of Trimble street, Friday, February 3, a fine son.

On Saturday Mrs. Gambill, assisted by Mrs. Mike Glavin, entertained about 50 young people with a surprise party for her daughter, Fulah, in honor of her 16th birthday.—Prestonsburg Post.